(a) the number of Ministers who visited the earthquake affected area of Uttar Kashi district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of other persons who accompanied the Ministers; and

(c) the names of the areas of Uttar Kashi and Tehri visited by these ministers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Use of Social Aircraft by Ministers for Official Trips

2865. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Union Ministers, except the Prime Minister, who used special aircraft instead of regular Indian Airlines flights for official trips since July, 1991 till date;

(b) the financial burden the Government had to bear for using of special aircrafts for official trips; and

(c) the justification for using special aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Apex Body for Voluntary Organisations

2867. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to set up an apex body to deal with voluntary organisations; and

(b) if so, reasons thereof and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) This ministry does not have any such proposal.

(b) Question does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Traffic Personnels at Patel Chowk, Gole Dak-Khana and Dr. R.M.L. Hospital Round about, New Delhi

2868. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite heavy traffic at the round about near Gole Dak-Khana Patel Chowk and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi neither traffic police personnel are deployed there not there is any traffic signal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to instal traffic signals at these round abouts;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?